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Ref A conveyed the fact that the GOC is not able to provide the funding requested in Ref B. We have since received a letter from the Canadian International Development Agency providing more information and are conveying the contents for the record.

Begin text:

March 15, 2006

Thank you for your fax of March 2 in which you requested support for the operations of the State Court War Crimes Chamber in Bosnia & Herzegovina.

While CIDA is very supportive of building local capacity to try cases in the region, we unfortunately have no funding available to support the War Crimes Chamber after 2006. All of our funds have been committed to 2010 for programming in the rule of law, health and education sectors in the Balkans, and the focus of CIDA's program in the Balkans is now on maximizing the impact of these projects.

Although CIDA is unable to contribute resources to the War Crimes Chamber, we would still be interested in keeping abreast of its work. CIDA is currently funding a judicial reform project in Bosnia & Herzegovina and Serbia & Montenegro, as well as several corrections projects, and so we would be interested in knowledge sharing.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you success in securing the required funding.

Sincerely yours,
Nicole Gesnot
Director
Balkans, South Caucasus and Graduating Countries
End text
Europe, Middle East and Maghreb Branch

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